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Biographical information on:

Nikolai Nikolaevitch POPPE

Subject is a Russian national. He was born 27 July 1897 in Leningrad. He has a Ph.D. degree, and is a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences, having been elected in 1932.

He is believed to have been, at one time, Dean of Moscow State University.

Subject is an Orientalist, specializing in Mongolian studies. He is also a scientist and an expert on the culture and languages of Siberia.

Subject recently arrived in this country at Westover Field, Massachusetts, from the American Zone of Germany, where he had been a DP. His invalid wife died in Germany several weeks prior to his departure. He is presently in Washington, staying at the Mayhew Hotel.

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